Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2021

## Coronavirus: Urgent message following tonight's statement from the Prime Minister

Dear Parents and Carers,

Sadly, I find myself once again taking the unusual action of closing all ATLP schools following tonight's announcement by the Prime Minister. This applies to all pupils other than those who fall into the vulnerable children and/or children of keyworkers category.

**Primary Schools**
Given the late notice of this announcement, ATLP primary schools will be unable to start this provision until Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> January. Your child's headteacher will contact those eligible directly, tomorrow, with further details. All primary pupils should therefore remain at home on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January. Remote learning will be provided and, again, your child's school will be in touch with you in the morning with further information.

**Secondary Schools**
Secondary schools had already been asked to set up alternative arrangements for the start of term. Therefore, the provision for vulnerable children and children of keyworkers attending one of our secondary schools will start tomorrow, Tuesday, as previously shared with parents.

No school leader wants to close their school and deprive children of their education. These are incredibly sad times but the health of the nation must be protected. From last March we have enjoyed steadfast positive relationships with our families as we have supported each other in the challenges we have faced together. We will continue to support you and work with you and we look forward to opening our doors to all pupils once again.

Sincerely,

Richard Gill CBE
**CEO, Arthur Terry Learning Partnership**